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Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh

## How Kavanaugh complaints came, then went nowhere in Colorado

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Shortly after the bitter fight to nominate Brett M. Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court, 83 misconduct complaints against him made their way to Colorado in the fall of 2018, assigned by the chief justice of the United States to the federal appeals court based in Denver.

Many of the alleged breaches of the ju-

dicial rules of conduct: false statements, partisanship, harassment. Their anonymous authors saw the judicial branch as the last means of disciplining the new justice.

“Do your job and investigate and sanction this judge. If you fail to do so, the public will forever view this court and all others with contempt,” read one complaint identified only as No. 900052.

Now, more than three years later, the

merits of those complaints have gone unanswered, with neither a vindication nor a condemnation of Kavanaugh’s conduct up to and through his confirmation process.

Instead, the 10th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals decided it had no jurisdiction to hear them, an outcome that still does not sit well with some of the original complainants.

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